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10 0.1261999 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: My name is Bob Davis,

- 11 Commissioner of Nye County. Please bear with me. I broke a
- 12 tooth this weekend. Occasionally, I have darting pain in my
- 13 cheek here.

1... 14 The Nye County review has found that the

- 15 Draft Impact Statement likely is inadequate as identified 16 several -- and has identified several deficiencies.
- 17 Therefore, the Draft Impact Statement seems neither of the 18 letter nor the intent of the National Environmental Policy 19 Act, NEPA, or the Nuclear Waste Policy NWPA.
- Nye County strongly urges the DOE to address
- 21 the deficiencies and issue of the second draft of
- 22 supplemental Draft Impact Statement for public review and

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- 1 comment. NWPA provides relief from three specific
- 2 requirements of NEPA. It does not provide a road map for the
- 3 repository, the provision NEPA intends to be a road map for
- 2 4 EIS. DOE assumes that the NWPA provides a road map for the
 - 5 EIS has resulted in essentially a myopic viewpoint of the
 - 6 locally prevalent and important issues associated with
 - 7 implementing the NWPA.
 - 8 Nye County believes that the Draft Impact
 - 9 Statement should adequately assess most of the NWPA, not just
 - 10 the repository specific action, construction, operation,
 - 11 transportation, closure. The EIS must also evaluate the NWPA
 - 12 implementation activities as might be associated with the
 - 13 migration, quality and compensation.
 - 14 By failing to address these aspects of the
 - 15 NWPA implementation, EIS does not accurately portray the
 - 16 president, secretary and the public in the range of potential
 - 17 impacts of the nature of the -- nature and human environment.
 - 18 Some of the specific inadequacy of the Draft EIS includes
 - 19 alternatives evaluated. The DOE's selection of the
 - 20 alternatives fails to meet the intent of the NEPA, even as
- 3... 21 qualified by the NWPA. Alternative scenarios for
 - 22 implementing the NWPA, including the migration -- the

- 3 cont. 1 mitigation provisions of Section 116 are not included.
 - 2 only no -- the full range of the alternatives to implement
 - 3 repository construction, operation transportation closure
 - should include scenario one, no mitigation measurements. 5 Scenario 2, financial mitigation measurements only and
 - Scenario 3, physical -- No. 4 would be the mix of financial
 - and physical mitigation measures.
 - The effect of environments the EIS does not 4
 - 9 define and select appropriate reasons -- regions of influence
 - for analysis. The ROI focuses on analysis on the direct
 - 11 impacts, not allows the identification of indirect impacts.
 - 12 For example, areas potentially affected by DOE has grossly
 - 13 over estimated the areas potentially affected in the
 - 14 implementation of the no action alternative, while reasonably
 - 15 restricting the areas considering the evaluated areas from
 - 16 the proposed action. In doing so, DOE does not consider the
 - effects on communities, jurisdictions and the ability and 17
 - 18 nature -- natural resources. Demographic and socioeconomic
 - 19 data, DOE has not used more recent than -- more accurate Nye
 - County data collected in accordance with the accepted 20
 - 21 methods.
 - 22 MR. LAWSON: 30 seconds.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: In conclusion, because 1 2 of the inadequacies of the -- that I briefly describe, Nye 1 cont. 3 County believes that the Draft EIS neither appropriately implemented NEPA nor the NWPA. It does not adequately portray the affected environments in the communities that it will affect. Finally, regardless of the DOE's finding, 5 the NWPA regards the mitigation measures by -- and as much 9 should have been included in the proposed action of the analysis. Without these elements, Nye County finds that the DOE -- that the Draft EIS is inadequate and does not 11 accurately protray the range of impacts that could not be 12 13 expected to occur if the repository program goes forward. 14 Thus, Nye County is calling for a second and supplemental EIS agency -- for the agency and public review of the comment, 15 which includes the actions proposed that incorporate 16 mitigation measures as an integral part of the alternative. 17 MR. LAWSON: Thank you. If you have written 18 19 comments that you'd like to submit as well, that's fine. Our next speaker will be Maureen Eldredge. Ms. Eldredge will be 20 followed by Dennis Nester and Chad Cowan.